

877—14.6(84A,PL105-33) Regional allocation formula. Eighty-five percent of welfare-to-work funds received by the state shall be allocated to the service delivery areas based upon a formula. The remaining 15 percent shall be retained by the department for competitive projects to help long-term recipients of family investment program (FIP) funds and noncustodial parents enter unsubsidized jobs approved by the state workforce development board; purchases of hardware and software to track program participation; expenditures to integrate the welfare-to-work program into the department's integrated customer service system; and administrative program oversight, including staff training and technical assistance.

The service delivery area formula shall be calculated using the following factors: the percentage of persons in poverty above 7.5 percent in an area; the number of adult recipients of public assistance for 30 months or more in an area; and the number of unemployed persons in an area. The formula must base at least 50 percent of the allocation on the number of persons in poverty.

If an area receives less than \$100,000 under the formula, the state workforce development board has the option to allocate 15 percent of the funds to increase an area's allocation to the \$100,000 threshold or deny funds to the area and use the funds allocated to the area for activities authorized for the 15 percent pool.